

# THE STICK

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## GAVELEERS PLAN MUSICAL NIGHT FOR DECEMBER 6TH

On Tuesday evening, Dec. 6th The Gaveleer Society will present the outstanding musical performance of the school year, featuring Alice Baker, soprano, Mrs. Ulrika Bray Adams, pianist, and Mr. Henry Lambert, violinist.

Alice Baker is a teacher of voice and a member of the Cecelia Society. She has studied under Ann Whitridge of Boston, the late Dr. Torrence of New York, and Arthur Feidler of Boston.

Mrs. Adams is the pianist for the Fitchburg Choral Club.

The soloist will sing group of classical and operatic songs and also a group of Jenny Lind songs. These were made famous by Jenny Lind, the Swedish nightingale, who became one of the greatest singers of all time.

Mr. Lambert will play several obligatos for the soloist in ad-

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## GLEE CLUB "SAMPLE" PLEASES AUDIENCE

An excellent student assembly, sponsored by the Glee Club, was rendered on Tuesday when "Trial by Jury" was presented. Much work had been put into this production and the success of the operetta meant much to both the Glee Club and to the student body.

Prominent in the cast were Onerva Heikkinen, Raymond Lowe, Arthur Hopgood, John Mitchell, Gilbert Whitney, and Ralph Gray.

The operetta was conducted by Miss Eldridge and the accompanists were Virginia Schmidt, pianist, and Henry Lambert, violinist.

## Student Co-operative Association Meets

President of Student Council



Ellen Dorman

## LIST OF FRESHMEN READY FOR PUBLICATION

Ye Organizations take notice for your future members. The following is a list of some of the Freshmen with their activities while in high school or other institutions of learning.

A news scout is interviewing the Freshmen as conveniently as he can and from time to time this information will be printed. With this data concerning the Frosh the organizations can be guided in selecting their future associates.

Walter Brzezinski—45 Greenwood Street Gardner. Graduated from Worcester Trade in 1938.

William H. Burns—21 Elmwood Avenue, West Springfield. Graduated from West Springfield High in 1938. President of Science Club, Vice-President of the Hi-Y Club.

William L. Foye—1065 Bridge Street, Lowell. Graduated from Lowell High in June 1938.

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## FIRST MEETING OF YEAR SHOWS MUCH STUDENT INTEREST

Highlight of Meeting Is The  
Near Reading of Amendments  
Proposed By Raymond Lowe

The first meeting of the Student Co-operative Association held last Thursday under the capable leadership of its president, Miss Ellen Dorman, undeniably proved that student interest in our new type of government has been stimulated.

The work of the Council was briefly outlined by the Chairmen of the various committees.

The three major accomplishments of the Social Committee as

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## CONSTRUCTION BOTHERS US NOW, BUT WAIT —

"Busy as bees" might well be applied to the 60 men who are digging, painting, destroying and renovating, and doing almost anything conceivable in the way of construction. Little do we, in our daily doings in the classroom, realize the amount of work that is going on. Work has already been started on the buildings, trenches have been dug for the drainage of the field, the practical arts building is being waterproofed, and this week the athletic field is expected to be fenced in.

The slight inconveniences which are being caused should not bother us for they all mean for a better and more beautiful campus.



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### LITERARY SUPPLEMENT

THE STICK has decided to put out a literary supplement some time after Christmas. It is the hope of the staff that before March comes along, each student will be able to hold up an attractive-looking magazine, and with the necessary emphasis, tell any outsider that "here in my hand is a work of art, showing, not only the capacity for, but the product of, literary creativeness at F. T. C."

If each student could feel, in himself, the latent power accorded to most individuals; and to be aware of his need of self-expression, of his need of receiving from others that self-same expression—then, we feel sure, tedious solicitations on the part of the supplement committee would be unnecessary.

Can we hope that such a creative tension will appear in F. T. C., where, in past years, putting out a literary supplement has been the work of a minority which failed to represent the student body?

But come now, ye bards and scribblers. Time is short!

Short stories, poems, essays, and all manner of literary squibs are what we need.

## THE ASH TRAY

Harry Moore

### STATION HOLDEN

I shall assume my broadcasting with a varied program. Have you ever thought of this? (Trainers et al.)

When you've done some things you're ashamed of,  
And most of your friends pass you by,

Don't be afraid that they'll all be like that,  
But look the whole world in the eye!

When you walk down the corridors and go through the halls,

And folks stare—as if you were sin,

Remind yourself that it won't last long,

And take it—right on the chin.  
You say you've turned to a new page in life?

That's fine! for it won't be so long

Before the whole world will be singing

And life will be one sweet song!

Perhaps in some class the freshmen can use a definition or two:

Doze—plural of "that".

Fodder—male parent.

Curtail—dog's appendage.

Hermit—lady's hand.

Pauper—it's he who pays.

Nightmare—a milkman's horse.

Quartette—a female quarter.

Mutter—female parent.

Sirloin—English explorer.

Here and there:

Boy: "Dad, do teachers get paid for teaching?"

Dad: "Yes, why?"

Boy: "That's not fair when us pupils have to do the work."

If the world were purged of the feeble minded, who would write the words that go with the popular dance music?

The next fifteen minutes have been engaged for a political address by—so station H-O-L-D-E-N signs off.

### NEW ENGLAND TEACHERS INDUSTRIAL ARTS ASSOC.

Because of lack of space in last week's issue of THE STICK we were unable to include the whole article about the fourth annual meeting of the New England Industrial Arts Teachers Association which was held Nov. 4 and 5 in New Haven, Connecticut. Believing that the ideas omitted are of importance to Practical Arts Students, we submit the omission.

Throughout the round table discussions and the banquet meeting four principles were spoken of most frequently not only by teachers of industrial arts, but by school administrators.

Industrial Arts must give every pupil a chance:

- (1) To discover his personality.
- (2) To grow according to the discovered nature of his personality.
- (3) To mingle in changing situations with the personalities of other pupils and his teachers.
- (4) To co-operate in the discovering, solving, and working out of new problems so that the real social values may be derived from the results.

### MISS NIXON EXPECTED BACK MONDAY

A letter received from Miss Nixon on Wednesday of this week informs us that she expects to be back at school on Monday, November 21. THE STICK is happy to know that Miss Nixon's absence from school has been but a short one, for all have missed her greatly even in that brief absence.

### MR. HASTINGS RESIGNS

At the meeting of the men commuters held last week the resignation of Aubrey Hastings as president of the board was accepted by the group. The cause of the resignation was due to the heaviness of the schedule carried by Mr. Hastings.



**Student Co-operative Assn.**

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given by Miss Chase were the arrangement of the Social Calendar, the Freshmen Reception, and the Women's Banquet.

Miss Eva Trafton stated that the Cultural Committee cooperated with the Student Assembly Committee in planning worthwhile and interesting assemblies, assisted the Stick in carrying out its program, and aided the Dramatic Club in its recent production. Miss Trafton also made mention of the notable increase in absences at assemblies.

Mr. Hill of the Financial Committee reported the following: the student enrollment was 297, the intake from the \$15 blanket fee amounted to \$4,555; only \$3,370 has been received; last year's budget planned for \$4,595. Mr. Hill explained, however, that the deficit would be made up since thus far, in various organizations less money had been expended than had been allotted.

Mr. Tamminen related plans for men's athletic activities and suggested mixed tournaments in badminton and ping-pong for the coming year.

Miss Lagsdin's account on Women's athletics included the North Adams Conference, the Keene Sports' Day, the coming hockey color series, and the soccer practices.

Mr. Donovan listed among the duties of his committee the issuing and distribution of the pass-books, schedules, and handbooks.

After the reports were made, Miss Dormin read the proposed by-laws and opened the meeting for discussion. Questions from the floor concerned the nomination of next year's council, the voting on the by-laws, and the presentation of proposed amendments. The attention of the entire audience was aroused when Mr. Lowe, despite Council's protest, insisted that his amendments be given a reading. The

issue was cleared when Mr. Lowe was granted permission to speak informally about them.

The students are looking forward to bigger and better meetings with hopes that a stronger bond of unity will be established.

**BY-LAWS**

1. There shall be no tickets sold to the student body as a whole, during the year by any student organization.

2. Extra-curricula expenses for all school affairs of the students that have been sanctioned by the Council shall be included in the itemized budget for the blanket tax. (unless otherwise stated by the Council)

3. The itemized budgets for the Co-operative Association and subsidiary boards and division of clubs, fraternities, classes, and athletics for the following year shall be submitted to the Secretary of the Council by the second college week in April.

4. The financial committee of the Council may summon the president and treasurer of different organizations for conference prior to its executive session with the faculty financial committee.

5. The financial committee shall return an itemized budget to the Council by the 2nd week in May for consideration of that body.

6. After the acceptance of the budget by the Council and faculty financial committee, the treasurer shall state the student blanket tax for the ensuing year.

By-laws concerning the subsidiary division of the Co-operative organization are as follow;

1. The several subsidiary divisions of the Co-operative Association shall be under the immediate jurisdiction of Boards of Directors. Said boards shall consist of five members namely, one representative from each class and a chairman or president who shall be a Senior.

2. The subsidiary divisions shall be:

Commuting Women's Executive Board.

Miller Hall House Board.

Commuting Men's Executive Board.

Palmer Hall House Board.

3. Each board shall be nominated by the retiring board and elected by members of its own group.

4. Each board may plan a program of cultural, social, and recreational activities for its own group but must submit said plans and an itemized budget to the Co-operative Council for Consideration.

**DOUBLE QUARTET PLEASES ROTARIANS**

Tuesday, November 8, at 1:00 p. m., the Palmer Hall Double Quartet presented a half-hour program of song, before the Rotary Club at the Hotel Raymond. A dinner was given the men before the program.

The group consisted of Arthur Hopgood, John Mitchell, Edward Frye, Stuart Clemmer, Howard Hill, Alfred Turner, Milo Galbraith, and Ralph Gray. Raymond Lowe led the singing, and Virginia Hamilton was accompanist. Mr. James Hammond of the college faculty appeared as guest soloist, and Hopgood also sang a solo.

So well did the men present their program, that after they finished they were invited to reappear at the club's spring meeting on March 21.

**WE HOPE IT WILL NEVER HAPPEN AGAIN**

From the Sentinel 25 years ago—

"Because of the outbreak of scarlet fever at two of the dormitories at the State Normal school and to prevent any further spread of the disease, the girl students at the school have been given a vacation for a week."

## WAS THE POINT SYSTEM TOO ONE-SIDED?

A glance at the crowded bulletin board and the scurrying to and fro of various committee members often leads one to thinking of the extra-curricula problems here in our school. Let us analyze it briefly.

Extra-curricula activities are a component part of the organization of a professional school such as ours. The program is furnished as a supplement to the compulsory curriculum and it contributes values which the traditional program cannot provide. Besides giving to its adherents practical knowledge in Dramatics, Debating, etc., it strengthens the personality pattern thru social contacts involving group action and cooperation. There is no doubt of its necessity or value; however, sometimes a tragic situation evolves from it, and we find students so obligated by outside activities that class periods are thought of as so many hours of restraint and homework as a time wasting effort experienced in early years. Place the traditional and the extra-curricula side by side and compare them. Even the terminology of the two is significant. The traditional or compulsory program is the foundation and the backbone of a life spent in the teaching profession. The extra-curricula program is the rounding out and beauty adding factor to this foundation, but a foundation is as strong as its structure.

Let us, for convenience sake classify a student body into three divisions and sensibly choose the division which seems to be most ideal from a professional point of view. The first division will be composed of students who conscientiously study but who take no part in extra-curricula happenings. Their foundations are strong enough but they themselves lack magnetism and vi-

## FIFTY STUDENTS TO STUDY ENGLISH ORIGINS

Approximately 50 men and women have enrolled in the short five lecture course being conducted in the college. The course is being conducted by Professor Sydney Gunn of Boston University and is entitled "Gaelic Literature". Prof. Gunn is tracing language origins of the Gaelic tongues as well as showing the ties of the English Language to the old Gaelic.

talities professionally. They seem to take no interest in sociological forces such as athletics or scouting with which they will constantly be forced to cope with if they intend to adopt the teaching profession. The second division is composed of students who are "extra-curricularized" to such an extent that studies are thought of as being secondary—if at all. This type of person may have a compelling exterior demeanor but has he got a strong foundation? A foundation that will withstand constant addition. The third division is composed of students who sensibly and consciously add to a well executed compulsory program such items as they deem necessary in their own particular cases. This latter division should be our ideal because beauty and form are added to a strong central structure.

The old M. S. A. point system blank was a prime example of an empty headed extra-curricula consideration. Points were given for the amount of activities engaged in and not for the quality or the value of the work done. Real individual capacities in themselves were not to be rewarded, but the busiest person was thought to be the ideal.

Let us consider the problem in a sensible light and add to a strong traditional program background, such activities as will best meet our needs, and such an amount as we can successfully

## DR. PAYSON SMITH AND THE SALEM CONFERENCE

Not even in the editorial rooms of the Salem News did we escape the broad arms of Education. While observing the teletype of the Associated Press, we saw the following message appear before us.

Dr. Payson Smith, former Massachusetts Commissioner of education and now a member of the Harvard faculty, attacked the "Interference of Government" in education, singling out the employment of married teachers as an outstanding example.

Speaking before the Middlesex County Teachers Association Dr. Smith criticized the "playing of politics" in the selection of teachers, the consideration of residence or private life in preference to ability, the teachers' oath law, and the oath of allegiance.

"A good example of the length to which officialdom will go in trying to regulate the private lives of teachers," Dr. Smith said, "is to be found in the current attempt to exclude married women from teaching in schools."

## MR. CONLON PINCH HITS FOR MISS NIXON.

While Miss Nixon, the faculty advisor for THE STICK, is absent from the college, Mr. Conlon will read the news articles each week. As Mr. Conlon is an instructor in Literature and English, he is well fitted for this assignment.

handle. As a suggestion, heads of organizations in a position to do so would be doing a real benefit if they assigned necessary committee work to individuals of the first division. Let the overburdened students alone and wake up some of the others. The job will be done perhaps just as well if not better.



## WINTER SPORT SEASON

Anna Clifford, W.A.A. President, announced that the winter sport program of basketball, bowling, badminton, and ping-pong will open immediately after Thanksgiving vacation. Elinore Scully, head of bowling, Lillian Scozik, Coach of basketball, and Bernie Johnson, Head of badminton and ping-pong have a full season and a record attendance is expected.

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dition to two solos.

Some of the selections which will be heard on the program are:

Guono's Ave Maria.

Care Selve—Handel.

In Verdur Clad—from the Creation by Haydn.

Waltz Song from Romeo and Juliet.

The Norwegian Echo Song—A Swedish Folk Song.

The Nightingale and the Rose—Saint Saens.

Complimentary tickets for the performance may be secured from members of the Gaveleer Society.

## FRESHMEN LIST

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Thomas Goulart—6 Rindge Terrace, Cambridge. Graduated from Cambridge High and Latin, in 1937. Took a post graduate course for a year. Manager of track team.

Arthur Hopgood—1147 Court Street, Brockton. Graduated from Brockton High, in '36. Took 2 P. G. courses. Was a member of the male chorus.

John B. James—Valentine Street, Bennington, Vermont. Graduated in 1937 from Bennington High School. Took a P. G. for a year.

George Kalil—4 Fay Street, Worcester. Graduated from Commerce High in '38. Belonged to Science and Rifle Clubs.

John Keefe—122 Central Ave.,

## W.A.A. President



Anna Clifford

## FRESHMEN B DOWNS FRESHMEN A 14-12

The Freshmen B touch-football team defeated the Freshmen A team 14 to 12 in a well played game, Monday at the upper playground. Each team scored a touchdown in both halves.

In the last few minutes of the second half Sweeney, of the B team, ran through the line and touched Howe of the A team, thereby adding two points to the B team score.

McManus and Murphy scored the touchdowns for the B team, while Howe scored both of the A team touchdowns.

This game was the semi-finals of the touch football league, therefore the Freshmen B team have rightfully earned the opportunity to play the Senior team. This game will take place at a time announced by the Intramural Board.

Hyde Park, Boston. Graduated from Hyde Park. Was in Senior Play.

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## F. T. C. 3—A. I. C. 2

Wednesday, Nov. 16, at Lowe Playground a revamped Fitchburg soccer team snapped a four game losing streak to defeat the highly touted American International College club, in a close contest 3 to 2.

Creamer and Capt. Daniels, stars of the day, played a brilliant game in their last soccer contest for Fitchburg. Creamer shifted to center half, provided the spark that set off Fitchburg's offensive drives. English, our versatile athlete, converted to left half also played a bang up game, while the other halfback position was capably handled by Shinner, the freshman star.

Holmes of A. I. C. opened the scoring with a penalty kick in the second quarter. Soon after Creamer retaliated with a penalty goal for Fitchburg, followed by a goal by Holmes of A. I. C. and Burns of Fitchburg.

The battle seesawed back and forth, first one team controlling the ball then the other until, in the final quarter, Vorse saved the day by booting home the winning goal.

The game was closely contested and both teams well deserved to win, however superior playing by the above mentioned stars, provided the margin of victory for Fitchburg. The following Seniors played their last soccer game for Fitchburg, Capt. Daniels, Ray Creamer, and John Guilfoil.

## TEACHER PREPARATION ASSOC. CONFERENCE

The 19th Annual Conference of the New England Teacher Preparation Association is to be held on November 18 and 19 at Hotel Bradford in Boston.

Dr. Herlihy is to be in charge of the program during the Friday afternoon general students conference. The four delegates from Fitchburg Teachers College are: Ellen Dormin, Mary Chase, William Donovan, and Aubrey Hastings.

## Campus Chatter

### Things I Would Like to See

A freshmen class that did not produce at least one Joe College to an already over-crowded roster. This year's crop beats all time.

A little appreciation of Mr. Gallagher's efforts to keep the boys' quarters livable.

Some new showers in the shower room. Should I mention a new gym?

Fitchburg defeat Holy Cross in Debate. We meet them this year.

### People to Know

Anne Clifford for a study in facial expression.

Mary Gibbons (JEA) for a knowledge of what a forceful personality really is.

Jerry Lyons for what the well dressed teacher will wear.

Ed. "Stoonts" O'Sheasy, he knows every song out of tin pan alley.

Donald "Dictator" Johanson and Helen Gibson, they'll argue at the drop of the handkerchief.

George "Teddy Bear" Joseph and Dan "Down with it" Sullivan, co-coaches of Edgerly soccer team pick co-captains just so each one will have someone to give orders to. Edgerly used to have a "passing" team but this year Dillon will not have any difficulty in scalping them. The boys at Dillon are wondering whether or not to give Edgerly a ten goal handicap since they found out who is coaching them.

Our Managing Editor often plays the part of a chivalrous gentleman, but he won't be so willing to take packages from the opposite sex in the future.

Walking up Myrtle Avenue, his fair companion set her books and bundles down, to tie her shoelaces. Maybe Herbie didn't tie the laces, but he picked up some of her packages and proceeded on his way.

Almost up to the college he said, "Don't you want your lunch?" The lady did not answer. "I say," he persisted, "do you want your lunch?" And then—his companion denied all knowledge of the bag.

"Well, whose lunch is it?" asked Herbie.

His friend burst into "peals of girlish laughter" and Herbie was last seen walking dazedly down Myrtle Avenue, to return the lunch to its hungry W. P. A. owner.

The Spa may not give you credit, Herbie, but your friends will stand you to a cup-a-cawfee!

A student in Miss Bradt's History of Education class was called upon to recite. He dilated at great length on nothing in particular, and finally, he happened to say that Roman and Greek cultures were fused!

Immediately Miss Bradt stopped everything and said buoyantly, "Stop! I like that word. It just fits! *Confused* is the word I want."

## ART CLUB ACTIVITIES

The Art Club enthusiastically opened its activities shortly after school opened with a party held in the Art Room. Games were played and refreshments served, old members acting as hosts and hostesses in welcoming the new recruits.

At the next meeting members chose the phase of art they particularly wished to work in, and committees were chosen to head these departments. Phyllis Batterson is chairman of Oil Painting, Grace Gaudet of Crafts, and John Mulski of Photography. Sketching classes will also be held in Miss Hassell's room. Miss Conlon gave an interesting lecture on Crafts at the last meeting on October 31, illustrating with many varied and interesting articles gifts which may be made in a short time. Orders are being taken for craft material, and all departments are planning to get under way immediately.

A new system has been authorized for the making of posters. Each member, taking the names in alphabetical order, is to be responsible for at least one poster. A rule has also been made to the effect that any member missing three meetings without sufficient reason will be acted upon by the officers and his membership discontinued.

Programs are to be planned for the monthly meetings, and the club plans to make this a banner year.

One of the Dorm girls was highly piqued by the following caption in the Fitchburg Sentinel, November 7: "Prowler Frightens Girls in Dormitory at Teachers College."

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